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SAN MARCOS, TEXAS.

THURSDAY MAY 12, 1887.

HOME NEWS.

ARRIVAL OF PASSENGER TRAINS.

TRAINING PANS SAN MARCOS AS FOLLOWS:

MAIL. MAIL.

Going South: 7:55 A. M. and 8:10 P. M.

Going North: 9:55 A. M. and 6:40 P. M.

Ice cream at Candy Factory.

Johnson's grass seed at Leavell's.

Candy 25 cts at Candy Factory.

Short clear bacon 11c lb J. A. Mott.

Good hams 12c lb J. M. Mott.

Lemonade and soda water at Candy Factory.

Best molasses for the money in San Mar- J. A. Mott.

cos.

A good lot of corn just received at H. Hardy & Co's.

To arrive—100 bushels sorghum seed. JOHNSON & JOHNSON.

Epps breakfast cocoa at city prices. J. A. Mott.

Plenty of corn now at Charley Steele's feed store.

Refrigerator for sale cheap at the shop of G. Vogelsang.

Geo. W. Knight, Jeweler, east side the Plaza, San Marcos.

Fresh graham flour 75 per sack, fresh rye flour 75 per sack. J. A. Mott.

Our line of shoes and slippers will be found very full and complete. J. S. KILLIAN.

Evaporated apples and full assortment of dried fruits at bottom prices for cash. J. A. Mott.

J. S. Killian is still receiving additions to his shelving. There are no vacant spaces on his shelving.

I am agent for the best self-closing gate in the market, and invite parties interested to examine the same. WM. GIESSEN.

Allen's long Staple Cotton Seed at reduc- H. HARDY & Co.

ed prices.

20lb nice O. Kettle sugar \$1.00; 16lb Carolina rice \$1. J. A. Mott.

McAllister is still to be found at the old stand, with a good stock of choice groceries. Goods delivered in the city.

Fine selection of groceries, candies, tobacco and cigars, at R. F. Welch's, near railroad depot, San Marcos.

New supply California Bartlett pears, apricots, peaches and other fruits, 25 cents per can. J. A. Mott.

A nice stock of everything in the grocery line, sold as cheap as anyone for spot cash. We will not be undersold. H. HARDY & Co.

Coppie is still in the field with a fine assortment of groceries, tropical and canned fruits, etc. His famous sweet cider still on tap.

My stock of ladies' furnishing and dress goods is such as to invite their continued patronage. Call and see. Killian takes no backward step.

A common but very pleasant residence, convenient yet retired, cool and snugly will be rented on reasonable terms to a prompt paying tenant. Apply at FREE PRESS office.

Corn! Corn!

Go to Charley Steele's for that article.

For Sale.

A few of Mme. Demorest's First Premium Charts for Dress Cutting. Inquire at FREE PRESS office.

Millinery.

Mrs. Richardson has some beautiful styles in hats, ribbons, etc. First-class goods in every respect, to arrive in a few days.

\$8.00 Per Dozen.

Best finished Cabinet Photos for 30 days or until further notice. Have also made arrangements for handling large pictures in permanent bromide work. They are fine. April 28th. J. E. H. CHAPMAN.

For Sale.

My residence in San Marcos, consisting of two large lots with improvements. The whole will be sold together, or the lots separately, to suit purchasers. Call on or address I. C. WOOLSON.

June 17th

The citizens of San Marcos and surrounding country are invited to call and make the acquaintance of the St. Leonard Hotel, when they have business in San Antonio. No where in Texas can nicer accommodation, better fare, or more home comfort be found, for \$1.50 and \$2.00 per day. We have tried it and advise others to do the same.

Insure your property with W. C. Dugger, he represents eight of the best Fire Companies in the U. S. and will give you better rates than anybody else.

COME AND ACCEPT THE GREATEST BARGAINS!

EVER OFFERED BEFORE IN THE COUNTRY.

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EVERYTHING IN THE DRY GOODS LINE.

I HAVE THE GOODS, AND THE LOWEST PRICES

AND NO ONE GOES AWAY DISSATISFIED.

J. S. KILLIAN, The Leading Dry Goods Dealer,

SAN MARCOS, TEXAS.

Strictly Cash.

The Delinquent Tax List

Appears in the present issue of the FREE PRESS. In this connection it is proper for us to state, that for three years past the list has been sent to nominal newspapers of not half the circulation of ours, in disregard of the spirit of the law on the subject and the rights and interests of the taxpayers whose property was advertised, among whom there was general complaint that they were not made aware of the matter until after the same had been sold. This course was pursued in order to punish the editor for pre- suming to discuss the public affairs of the county in the interest of the people generally. And we are credibly informed that members of the little ring about the county seat, who are hostile to an independent newspaper, made strenuous efforts this year to secure a continuance of this proscription of policy against us.

We invite the attention of the honest people of the county to these facts, and believe they will administer a proper rebuke to this sort of petty proscription and intolerance by standing more firmly and unitedly by their old friend, the FREE PRESS.

[As we send copies of this paper to various persons on the tax list who are not subscribers, we re-publish the above explanatory paragraph for their benefit.]

The worst we trust is over.

Now there will again be work and pay for the needy.

Hopes are again high of good crops yet this season.

We hear of a good many cases of flux in this vicinity.

Only twenty five cents will pay for the FREE PRESS during the Prohibition, campaign.

Another and still better rain came on Monday. It fell steadily and gently for about half a day.

The rains came too late to save a good many of the newly-planted trees in the court house grounds.

Never let it be said that in a place like this, where wealth and plenty yet abound, there should be any allowed to want bread.

The Cresset's last publication of the constitutional amendments appears "wrong side foremost"—like its course on the temperance question.

Mr. Ghost having removed to another part of the State Mr. Norman L. Hopkins is running the City Transfer "on his own book." See advertisement.

We have been favored by the Department of Agriculture, Washington, with the Report of the condition of winter grains, of farm animals, and on freight rates of transportation companies.

We learn there is to be an Anti-Prohibition meeting in this place next Saturday week. As the "brethren" appear to be modest, and disposed to hide their light under a bushel, we contribute this notice for their benefit.

John E. Pritchett informs us that he has for distribution copies of sundry prohibition documents, including Dr. Carroll's great address on Personal Liberty, Col. Herndon's speech, etc. Call and be supplied, at the law office of Brown & Pritchett.

"Put this and that together" should be the word as respects the water of our river and our city. Put them together by a system of water works which shall effectually satisfy the wants of the city, and give it fire protection, out of the unfailing abundance of the river-spring. Surely this can be done, and "big money" be realized by the process.

The City Council have passed an ordinance forbidding our people to use their hydrants under certain hours under severe penalties. It will be a subject of general wonder what the Council has to do with the private contracts between citizens and the Water Co. The Council may properly advise in the matter, but there obviously is power there.

WANTS THE EARTH.—The remarkable young editor of "the other paper" cannot repress the expression of his mental agony because the publication of the tax list was awarded to the FREE PRESS instead of himself. And this, too, although he has long enjoyed nearly the entire official patronage of the county and corporation. Sheriff Barber awarded him the tax list last year, and the printing committee of the city council took him under its wing, not giving any body a chance to bid against him, and allowing him two prices for half work. Then he recently was awarded by the commissioners the remarkable "fat take" of the county printing, on his very astute bid of 50 cents discount on St. Louis prices. Besides last year he printed his name on the tickets for city clerk, and there being no opposition, was elected to that lucrative position; and only last month received, as we are informed, some 7 or 8 votes for public school trustee. Add to all this his distinguished services as engineer of the celebrated Chautauqua Guards, and the San Marcos "boom," and his cup of emolument and honors we should think ought to be full even to overflowing. And yet he is not happy. Verily he must be hard to please!

REFRIGERATORS AND ICE CHESTS. G. W. DONALSON & Co., can supply you with the "Alaska." Call on them for prices.

Sheriff Cook is liberal minded to away down in the heels of his boots. Prodigies is an unknown quantity in his makeup. To show his broad minded liberality and absence of any speck of mean spite in the present canvass, notwithstanding the fact that the Cresset received the county printing by putting in the lowest bid at the last meeting of the Commissioners' Court, he had the delinquent tax list published in the FREE PRESS, thus giving about \$75 to that paper, just to show his liberality.

So says "our neighbor over the way," thereby revealing a refreshing degree of veridicality. The advertisement of the delinquent tax list is not under jurisdiction of the Commissioners' Court at all, and has never been so considered. It is entirely under the control of the Sheriff, who in this county is also the collector, and the price is fixed by statute law. To say nothing of any other consideration, the fact that the FREE PRESS has clearly a larger circulation than any other paper published in the county was of itself a conclusive reason for the course pursued by Sheriff Cook. As an honest man and official, looking to the spirit of the law and the interest and preference of the taxpayers, he could not have done otherwise. But if there had been no difference in circulation, that the sheriff's office should have discriminated in favor of a friend as against an enemy, is surely not very remarkable. The pay, however, is not much if any over one-half the amount above stated, and will be fairly earned—"giving" in the case.

The writer of the above paragraph is the last person to talk of "prodigies" as operating in official circles—no one has profited by it so much as he. Only a couple of weeks since he, from this cause alone, was awarded the publication of the constitutional amendments, which he certainly had no right to expect.

Prohibition Documents.

ALCOHOL AND THE STATE. A discussion of the Problem of Law as applied to the Liquor Traffic. By Robert C. Pittman, LL. D., Associate Justice of the Supreme Court of Massachusetts.

CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENT. Manufacture and sale of Intoxicating Liquors. 14th Congress. Speech of Henry W. Blair in the House of Representatives.

We are indebted to the Prohibition Central Committee of this State for copies of the above, which we should have acknowledged sooner. The former is a book of 411 pages. Both comprise a magazine of facts and arguments on the great question at issue. They are for sale by the Advance Publishing House, Waco, Texas. The price of the former is 50 cents, of the latter 10 cents. Send for them.

Prohibition Club.

San Marcos, May 6, 1887.

Some of the friends of constitutional prohibition met at the Court House at 8:30 p. m., for the purpose of organizing a prohibition club for this precinct.

Capt. James O. Storey called the house to order. H. Hardy elected Vice President and A. A. Thomas, Secretary.

Elder Williamson was then introduced, who delivered a very forcible and convincing address.

After the address the following gentlemen were appointed a permanent committee to enroll the names of all who favor the prohibition amendment:

Olas. Hutchins, H. Hardy, J. N. Richardson, J. E. Pritchett and J. H. Conner.

Eighty names were enrolled. The following committee on programs for next meeting was appointed: Olas. Hutchins, J. N. Richardson and A. A. Thomas.

Next meeting appointed for Friday night, May 20th at the Court House.

Adjourned. J. G. Stoner, Chairman.

A. A. THOMAS, Secretary.

Coronal Notes.

BY "LAD."

Dave Combs was sick this Monday.

Tuesday evening a committee from the Enlistment met, a committee of Belles Lettres to arrange a programme for our June exercise. It promises to be very entertaining.

Miss Mary Hunt has gone on a visit to Jewett.

We enjoyed a visit from our old schoolmate Wheat Thompson last week.

We moved several pianos up stairs Thursday and now the way they do practice George Grooms has been absent several days.

Our callisthenics class is still "marching on not" "through Georgia," both of the new stage. And those of us who have not yet learned to walk gracefully with heads erect, console ourselves with the motto, "Try, try again."

Prof. Gillespie formerly of Sherman, now agent for Irvan, Blackman & Co., visited us Tuesday.

The class in Evidence of Christianity are now opposing the will against the will of some of the most illustrious philosophers of the day.

We prophesy from the way Prof. Spillman's Latin Primer Class are progressing that they will in many months have passed the perusing the pages of Caesar and Virgil.

Young gentlemen, the recreation room is no place for you to make your toilet. Monday after school, the cries of the backmen "come this way ladies and gentlemen" almost transformed our quiet hill into a city thoroughfare. How many miles to the moon?

Oh, who will get the June Honors? As we have our "clashes with this important question and review our own shortcomings, each day our deficiencies seem to increase tenfold, while those of our fellow school-mates increase in proportion, and hope for a season bids our hearts farewell.

PERSONAL.

Miss Nellie Harrison, of DuPre, was in the city on Monday.

B. G. Neighbors, Esq., went as a delegate to the Dallas convention.

Willie Joyce has accepted the position of clerk and salesman with Fegues & Co.

Mrs. Frank Malone and the former Miss Sallie Green (we forget her present name) are visiting at this place.

Prof. Stansfield and wife are visiting at this place, the Mrs. Lizzie Thompson, daughter of the editor of the Floresville Chronicle.

Gus Dugger has accepted a position with Deutch & Co., merchants and clothiers, San Antonio. He will be missed in our social circles.

John Ireland (not the ex-Governor we need scarcely say) was in our office on yesterday and subscribed for the FREE PRESS for the campaign.

Mr. and Mrs. H. O. James spent a day last week in this place, en route from Austin, where they had been visiting, to their home in San Antonio.

Mrs. Hayden, wife of the editor of the Baptist Herald, Dallas, returned home on Tuesday from a visit to her relative, Mrs. McLellan, of this city.

Bryan's cave we notice is still a place of resort. He has dugged 25 feet below the surface of the bottom of the cave, but found no outlet for the sluices of water which have run into it in former times from the hills.

Mrs. McPherson, widow of the late editor of the Blanco Star-Vindicator, will continue the publication of that paper. Under her charge it will be an unswerving advocate of prohibition. Most cordially do we wish it success.

An interesting letter from Mr. Mosher will be found in our present issue. It will be seen that he was right in the midst of the earthquake. There have been some local and greater ones since in the same region, so Mr. M.'s next letter will be looked for with interest.

Elder Blanks, of Fort Worth, preached an able sermon at the Christian Church, on Sunday. Subject, "The Age of Religious Indifference." The subject is a very suggestive one, and was well handled. Elder B. is something of a phenomenon among public speakers in this part of the country in point of clear and distinct enunciation, every word and even letter being distinctly weighed and sounded. Each falls from his lips like a perfect coin from the mint. It is a pleasure to listen to such a speaker.

Miss Sara B. Mitchell, one of the teachers in Kyle Seminary, spent Saturday in this place, the guest of the editor of this paper. She stated that on account of the dull times the term of the Seminary would close a month earlier than the regular time, when she expects to return to her home in Missouri. She has taught several terms at Kyle, and has won the reputation of a superior teacher and excellent lady. She likes Texas, and will return to her present position next season, provided better times should warrant her re-engagement.

Bolia, pimples, hives, ringworm, tetter, and all other manifestations of impure blood are cured by Hood's Sarsaparilla.

See new advertisement of Chastain & Knight. This is one of our business houses whose success is a subject of just congratulation. Mr. Knight went into business here now just about a year ago, at their present stand, beginning in a very humble way, by attention to business, square dealing and pleasant manners he soon made a good advance, and later on being joined by Mr. Chastain, a gentleman of like traits of character, they have built up a good and creditable business in their respective lines. We cordially wish them the continued success they so well deserve.

The W. C. T. U. Ladies will meet at the M. E. Church, on Tuesday May 17, 1887, and sing at school. All that are interested in the cause of temperance, are invited to attend.

Mrs. H. Danforth, Rec. Secretary.

AT G. W. DONALSON & CO'S.

We will buy a hand full of 10-inch cultivator sweep.

50c " " " 12 " " "

\$3.00 " " " double shovel

We have a nice lot of cultivators, double shovels, sweeps, scovils and other hoes, etc.

Religious Notice.

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For the FREE PRESS.

Water.

[The following beautiful poem on water was written by James A. Beveridge, who edited a paper at Austin in 1850. He was an accomplished scholar and the author of many beautiful poems, but finally died a common drunkard in a market stall in the city of Houston.]

It sparkles in the rain drop,

It gurgles in the dew,

It sparkles in the ice gems,

Whose summer flowers grew.

It sporteth in the cataraets,

And in the glaciers crest,

It dances in the hall storms,

And paints the mountain's breast.

It draws a veil of beauty

Before the setting sun,

And gives the rainbow brighter tints

Than artist yet hath done.

It spreads a saffron carpet

Upon the frozen ground,

And all that's pure and beautiful

In water may be found.

Down in the valleys, low and deep,

Where murmurs fount and rill,

God breathes this essence for our use

Without the sinning still,

And far above the mountain tops,

Where storms and thunders brood,

He forms the only drink designed

For man, his creature's good.

Arizona—Letter from A. C. Mosher.

TUCSON, ARIZONA, May 8, 1887.

En FREE PRESS: I left San Marcos on 29th ult., arrived at this city Sunday night following. A collision occurred between our train and a water train at Eddy, 50 miles south of Waco, the engine of our train was disabled, no damage to passengers.

Caused a delay so that we did not make connection with the west bound train at Ft. Worth. The Fort is not on a "boom," had a rain of 20 minutes Friday night, the crop outlook is not flattering, though they had a rain about a week before. The lightning set fire to the telegraph office. As we go west from here there has been more rain with a severe hail storm which did a great deal of damage to windows.